

Street vendors vital to rose industry



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SWEET SMELL OF TYLER--Don Morgan is a rose seller at the most popular corner in town. Oklahoman Will Gordon stops for a bouquet to take home to his wife.

By Monica Bruno
staff writer

Selling roses on street corners is perhaps the most visible but least thought about part of the rose capital's economy. Most people get their roses from people on the street.

On the corner of Broadway and Shiloh between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. all week long vendors sell at umbrella stands with several buckets of fresh Tyler roses.

Tyler roses have increased in price over the years. In 1962, roses sold for 25 cents a dozen, Journalism Instructor Terry Shirley said.

In 1966 through the early to mid 70s roses jumped to a whopping 35 cents or three dozen for a dollar," retired TJC Instructor Pat Logan said.

"Through the late 70s and early 80s roses sold for 50 cents per dozen, and in the mid-to-late 80s the price increased to \$1 per dozen," Logan said.

Today's price for a dozen roses has reached an all-time high of \$1.50 per dozen.

"Everything else has gone up, why shouldn't roses?" Logan said.

Brian Hanson has been selling roses for about two years. He works for C.L. Nix who grows his roses on five farms near Whitehouse.

"In May, on Mother's Day is when we really start to sell the roses," Hanson said. "We will sell between five and six hundred dozen a day."

"Right now we sell about 275 dozen a day. This weekend we will probably sell 800 dozen between the two stands," he said.

"We do really well," he said. "We just want to put a dozen of nice smelling roses in everyone's house."

"I've got my regular customers. It's like how people have their favorite grocery store, or gas station, people also have their favorite rose seller," he said.

"I've recently moved spots but they always seem to find me. That's nice, I like that," he said.

Don Morgan from Whitehouse, also has a stand at Broadway and Shiloh. He has been selling Nix roses for the last couple months.

"I just enjoy talking with the people, most of which come from out of town," Morgan said.

"The reason we set up here is because of location. Location is everything. We get people going to Houston and Dallas, and just a lot of the passerbys."

"With Brookshire's here, there is a lot of business coming and going, and a lot of their customers stop and buy roses from us," Morgan said.

"The beginning of the week is usually pretty slow, but we pick up towards the end of the week, and get really busy, especially this weekend," he said.

In between those two is another stand where 16-year-old Eugene Backery sells roses.

"I sell roses between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. We don't get paid for how many dozen we sell, just a set rate for the day. I only work on weekdays, but my business is pretty good," Backery said.

A dozen roses - pink, red, yellow or orange. What else brings so much pleasure for only a buck-fifty?

October to emphasize breast cancer exams

By Mondale Dobbs
staff writer

October is breast cancer awareness month.

"During this time the Women's Diagnostic Center works together with the American Cancer Society to offer special discounts to encourage women to have breast exams," Shari Williams, Women's Diagnostic Center Director, said.

The Women's Diagnostic Center has issued coupons so women may receive a mammogram for only \$55 if they qualify. Coupons are available at Eckerd Drugs and Dairy Queens in the Tyler area.

Women who are pregnant or breast feeding cannot have the exam, she said.

Some insurance, such as Medicare, covers the cost of this procedure, but not all companies do.

A woman should have her first mammogram between the ages of 30 and 35, unless she has a current problem, Williams said.

The emphasis on breast cancer detection is necessary because it is estimated that this year alone one out of nine women will be diagnosed with the disease.

In 1960 statistics were better. Only one out of 20 women were

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diagnosed with breast cancer.

One case is now reported every five minutes, and one woman dies from breast cancer every 13 minutes.

If detected early, breast cancer is 90 to 95 percent curable, Williams said.

The reason most women do not have breast exams is because they are afraid of what they might find out or that it will be painful. Although there can be pain in a mammogram, "it is minor and does not last long," Williams said.

It is important for women to have a mammogram because 75 percent of all women who develop breast cancer have no other symptoms.

To set up an appointment call Women's Diagnostic Center at 593-2799.

Red Ribbons to inform about alcohol, drugs

The second annual Texas Red Ribbon Week will start Monday, and end Friday with events throughout the week.

The week is planned to inform students about the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

"Our purpose is not to preach to the students because they are responsible for their own actions, but to inform them what might happen when they abuse drugs and alcohol," Student Activities Director

Scott Nalley said.

This week is a spinoff from National Alcohol Awareness Week.

Monday the movie "Clean and Sober" will be shown at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Apache Rooms 3 and 4. Red ribbons and literature will be distributed.

Tuesday Texas Department of Highways will present the Flight for Life program at 7:30 p.m. in the Apache Rooms. Due to graphic scenes this is not recommended for small

children. The program will show scenes from actual DWI accidents.

Wednesday Terry Hackenberry from University Park Hospital will speak at a time to be announced.

Thursday's Monopoly tournament will cost \$5 per person to play with a limit of 150 people. The winner will go to the National Tournament. Students can pay to enter the "having fun without alcohol" event at the Student Activities Office.

75 flu shots remain to be given by campus nurse

Only 75 flu shots remained at the campus nurse's office. Her office is located on the second floor of Rogers Student Center. No appointment is necessary and the shots are free as long as they last.

Flu symptoms are: fever, headache, nausea, sore throat and runny nose. "Vaccination must be done every year because the organism mutates itself so immunity does not last," Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher said.

Flu shots teach your body what

organisms to kill, Boucher said. Flu vaccine does not protect against colds and other illnesses. Flu is an acute disease of the viral track, caused by a virus.

It takes a total of two weeks to build up an immunity to the disease.

Incubation stage can last from 24 hours to three days. Once the flu is contracted, it can last up to 10 days.

To speed up the recovery process, Boucher suggests a variety of helpful actions. First is to get plenty of rest. Second is to take the pre-

scribed medication on time. Finally, drink plenty of fluids, such as juices.

"Students who get the flu every year are more apt to getting the virus than others. These are the people who definitely need the shot," Boucher said.

The shots can be given from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, in the nurse's office.

Flu shots are also available at Taylor Medical Center for \$12 or from any private physician.

Politicians destroy America's trust

In 1972, the Watergate affair woke a nation to the reality of dirty politics. Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974 shook the confidence and trust of the American people in their elected officials.

Through the 80s television screens were filled with reminders that the people who run our government are less than perfect. That decade witnessed the disintegration of Gary Hart's presidential campaign and saw Oliver North take the stand and the blame in the Iran-Contra hearings. The 80s ended with the resignation of Speaker Jim Wright amid allegations that he used his position to conduct unethical business practices.

Now as the 90s begin, mistrust of public figures is reaching an all-time high. The newspapers are a daily testament to the continued ethical breakdown of the U.S. government. Congressmen writing hot checks on the House bank without paying overdraft charges and running up enormous bills in the House restaurant but not paying them are just two examples. If ordinary citizens did these same things they would be penalized financially and possibly criminally.

The irony of the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings would be hilarious if it were not such a tragic footnote to the present state of ethics and politics in the United States. How can the American public seriously consider Ted Kennedy's judgment of someone else's moral standard?

The whole affair is embarrassing to the nation. The world community must be laughing at our hypocrisy. It is time for the politicians in our government to start conducting themselves by the same set of rules that they are elected to legislate, and it is time for the American public to demand nothing less.

500,000 albums sell in 2 hours

by Clayton Riggs
staff writer

Guns 'N' Roses fans will be pleased with the band's latest releases "Use Your Illusion 1" and "II." When these two albums were released Sept. 17, about 1,000 retailers opened at 12:01 a.m. and sold approximately 500,000 copies of each album by 2 a.m.

"The response has been incredible. Everyone has been buying both albums at once. No one has bought just one," Chris Brent from MusiCland of Tyler said.

The albums contain a total of 30 songs with more than 150 minutes of powerful music.

"Use Your Illusion 1" highlights include: "Dust 'N' Bones," "Live and Let Die," "Don't Cry," "You Ain't the First," "Bad Obsession," "November Rain" and "Dead Horse."

"Illusion 1" also features a cameo by rock legend Alice Cooper on "The Garden," on side two.

"Illusion 1" side two is mostly experimental for the band. Except for "November Rain" and "Dead Horse," they were hazardous experiments.

"Illusion II" has kind of a Southern rock feel to it and will probably have more commercial potential.

Highlights on "Illusion II" include "Civil War," "14 Years," "Yesterday," "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," "Pretty Tied Up," "Estranged," "You Could Be Mine" and an alternative lyrics edition of "Don't Cry."

Both albums are enjoyable. With the wide range of musical styles on these albums everyone can probably find at least one song that they will like.



courtesy photo

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA--This lithograph, "Death in the Sickroom," was painted by Edvard Munch in 1896. The exhibit at Tyler Museum of Art reveals the influence of childhood traumas on the Norwegian artist's work. The Munch exhibit closes Nov. 11.

Museum shows Munch works

by Lorelee Almond
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The Tyler Museum of Art is now showing the works of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch. Munch is renowned for his work with different media; woodcut, drypoint and lithograph. The show will end Nov. 10.

Childhood traumas, which emerge disturbingly in his work,

inspired such works as "The Sickroom" and "Anxiety." Munch was one of the most influential painters and printmakers of the early 1900s. He addressed the strength of human emotions, such as love, passion, guilt, jealousy and depression, and brought them to life in his art.

"Edvard Munch explores dark feelings that everyone has, and it is disturbing because so many can relate,"

Curator Ron Gleason said.

Gleason chooses the exhibits for the Museum, but important considerations include price and availability. As curator, Gleason said, he works to utilize his resources for the most possible good for the Museum.

Museum admission is free. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

'The Fisher King' stars Bridges as DJ

by Kristi Thorn
staff writer

"The Fisher King" is definitely a movie to see. This Terry Gilliam film stars Jeff Bridges as rising disc jockey, John Lucas. Lucas has his own popular talk show in which he gives cynical advice to his callers.

Through a tragedy he befriends Parry, played by Robin Williams. Parry is a schizophrenic who cannot get a grip on reality because he dwells on this tragedy. The two find salvation through each other.

Mercedes Ruehl as Lucas' girlfriend Ann is believable, as she reaches out to help him over and over again in her straight forward way. Amanda Plummer as the timid, clumsy Lydia slowly brings Parry back to reality.

The Red Knight is a presence to watch, costumed as a fiery red knight on a blood red stallion exhausting smoke and fire. In Parry's mind, the Knight constantly chases him, but Parry believes that Lucas can make the Knight run because he is the one

chosen to reclaim the Holy Grail.

The movie has a sense of humor. Parry's approach to life is hilarious, especially the scene in which Parry is cloud-busting naked in Central Park.

Rated R for subject matter, the movie has an excellent cast. Each has depth and individuality. Bridges and Williams give their usual fine perform-

ances. Ruehl and Plummer greatly enhance the storyline and are well on their way to major roles.

"Fisher King" is entertaining, yet its message hits home. So often those who search so desperately for a path in life do not realize by helping others they might just stumble all over what they have been looking for.

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Mary Loden to speak at UT

Mary S. Loden, director of counseling and testing for The University of Texas at Tyler, will speak to the Handicapped Student Association of UT Tyler at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the game room of University Center. All interested students are encouraged to attend. "Pressures: How to Identify and Manage Them" is her topic.

Definitions of pressure in Webster's Dictionary are: (1) the burden of physical or mental dis-

tress (2) the constraint of circumstances—the weight of social or economic imposition (3) the stress or urgency of matters demanding attention. Loden will explore these issues.

BSU attends conference

TJC baptist students last week-end attended a leadership training conference in San Antonio. Single adults and college age students participated in activities ranging from prayer to singing to getting acquainted with the church.

Approximately 2,000 college

and university students attended the conference at Trinity Baptist Church. They came from Baylor, East Texas Baptist, Southern Methodist and Texas A&M universities as well as TJC and other schools.

Special events were seminars for committees in churches around the state and performances by Texas musical groups including "Choice," a three-woman, three man gospel group, and renowned saxophone player Vernard Johnson.

The conference concluded with a short church service.

United Way increases caring

by Kristi Thorn
staff writer

The United Way's mission is to increase caring for others through an organization. They work to solve community problems.

United Way is a fundraiser for 24 agencies. Among them are: American Red Cross, Children's Medical Fund, East Texas Crisis Center, Opportunities in Tyler, Salvation Army, Tyler Drug Abuse Program and Way of Life.

Every United Way is independent of others in other cities. United Way here works on Tyler's needs.

Agencies requesting funds must meet basic criteria. A board of evaluators reviews the needs and evaluates new programs. Four agencies applied this year, but only one made it through the evaluation process. Through the evaluation board, the community decides who qualifies to be an agency.

United Way operates with only four full-time staff members. The life of the program is generated by the volunteers who come from every

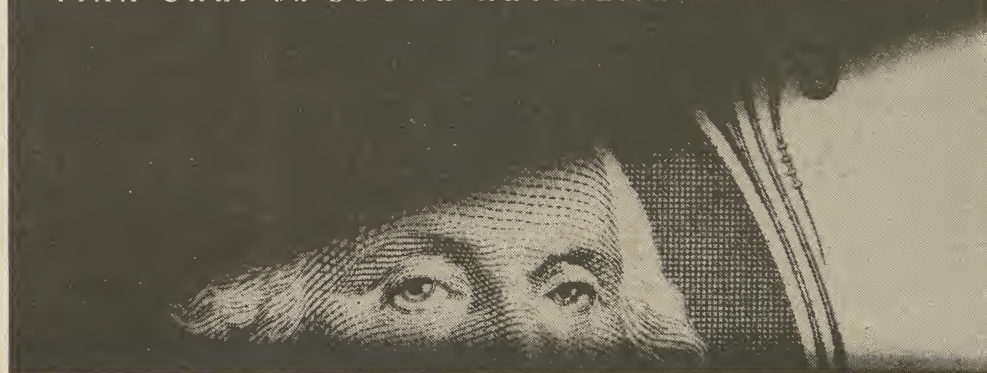
aspect of the community.

"Many agencies are preparing for holidays over the next couple of months. Some will provide meals, while others spark the holiday spirit. The Salvation Army will decorate the Angel Tree and the Children's Medical Fund will tend to the children's medical needs and give them hope that they may be well in the future," Kim Braly, public relations coordinator for the United Way, said.

"The United Way was established in 1887 in Denver by two ministers, a priest and a rabbi. They merged resources together to help the community after the gold rush," Braly said. Braly believes that spirit lives on.

"Our future goals are to help human service agencies, add agencies to the United Way and always continue to raise money," Braly said. "I want the community to understand what the United Way does and get involved. We always have a need for volunteers."

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YOUNGEST ROSE MAN--Eugene Bacery sells roses to Joan Thornton from Longview. Bacery, who is 16, sells roses on the corner of Broadway and Shiloh, probably the best location in town.

Mike Carter Field to be upgraded

by Jeremy Coe
staff writer

The Tyler Baseball Commission is upgrading Mike Carter Field for area high schools, the city and TJC. The renovation, to be completed next spring, will cost an estimated \$500,000, Project Coordinator C.C. Baker Jr. said.

Both Tyler high schools play their games on campus fields without lights, standard playing surfaces or adequate facilities for fans. No restrooms, water or concessions are available. TJC does not have a baseball team because it has no field.

The Commission grew out of a year-long study of Tyler recreational facilities by the sports council of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. The top problem the report uncovered was lack of a baseball stadium to house competition.

"The TBC will privatize the project by leasing, renovating, managing and maintaining Mike Carter Field," Bakersaid. "The entire process will be funded by individual donors, so it's not going to cost the taxpayers."

Half of the estimated costs have

covered, all through large gifts. Another \$250,000 is still needed to complete planned upgrades, Baker said. A program will soon be launched to allow collection of small donations.

The Commission claims in their published statement of purpose that the new field will bring great economic benefit to Tyler. Summer clinics, tournaments and the possible formation of semi-pro and civic teams would bring added revenue to the local economy, they said.

The Commission contacted the TJC athletic program about the project before it was launched, Baker said. For TJC to use the new field to start a team would require the TJC Board of Trustees' approval.

Several athletes and parents of TJC students have shown interest in a baseball team. Baker urged all students who would like to play baseball to petition for creating a team.

"In the past too many things have been controlled by one sport," Baker said. "I think it's important that every student's interest be supported. If it's a wholesome, worthwhile activity, we have to do everything we can to see that need filled."

Racquetteer Audas gets No. 3 rank

Apache Racquetball Club has earned another feather for its cap. Jimmy Audas is nationally ranked No. 3 men's novice by the American Amateur Racquetball Association.

"It feels good," Audas said. But the ranking does not surprise Audas, who won the novice title at the Texas/Louisiana regional championships this spring. The region is the largest in the nation.

Audas plans to play in the na-

tional tournament next month in Houston. "I expect to win, Audas said. "I've been playing every day for three to four hours a day."

To be ranked nationally, a player has to play up a level in local tournaments, Audas said. Tournament wins determine national rankings.

"I think it's a great honor for the school and it's a very prideful thing for me and the Club," Sponsor Ken Ruether said.

Rose Festival begins with Coronation tonight

The 1991 Rose Queen's Coronation will be held at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow at the D.K. Caldwell Auditorium downtown.

The Coronation is a two-hour production in which the queen and her court are presented. The production theme is "Lost City of Atlantis." Costumes will reflect the theme.

The 12 ladies-in-waiting will wear costumes that represent all oceans and seas of the world. These are local young women whose families have contributed financially as well as being physically involved with the festival for a number of years, said Larry Burks, a rose grower.

The duchesses' costumes will represent ocean life and inhabitants. Duchesses are young women from all over the United States. Their families have also contributed to the festival over a period of years in some way.

'Atlantis' to be theme

This week the theme for the 58th annual Texas Rose Festival focuses on "The Lost City of Atlantis."

"The Festival began in 1933, originally as a showcase for the rose industry. Later it evolved into a social extravaganza of which Tyler is extremely proud," said Sam Wolf, president of this year's Festival.

Every year a queen is chosen to reign over the festivities and serve as an ambassador for the city. The festival president decides who will serve as queen each year.

Her family must have been involved in festival for at least six years, have had total family participation in activities, have given financial support through private contributions and she must have been in-

involved in charitable and extracurricular activities, Wolf said.

This year the queen is Ashley Powell, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Powell has participated in previous Festivals as a runner and served as a junior hostess at past Queen's Teas. This year the Tea is all her own.

The Tea is a chance for the public to meet the queen and her court. The Tea from 3 to 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Rose Garden is free to the public.

Concert to begin at 7:30

The sixth Annual Rose Festival Concert in the Park will feature the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, with guest conductor Daniel Long.

Long is music director of Austin Sinfonietta, the Hill Country Symphony and the Kerr-Pops orchestra. He appears each season as guest conductor with the San Antonio Symphony.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bergfeld Park, on South Broadway. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be in Caldwell Auditorium.

Parade to kick off at 10

The Tyler Rose Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Channel 7 KLTU will televise the parade.

The parade will start on West Front Street at Glenwood Boulevard and end at Rose Stadium. The Rose Queen Ashley Powell and her court will be featured.

Thirteen floats in the parade will represent the theme "Lost City of Atlantis", said Larry Burks of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce.

Bands from local middle and high schools will also be featured, as well as bands from TJC and East Texas State University and drill teams from three states.

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